

## HALF OF A MILLION

Is the Amount of Wichita's  
Clearing House Exchange.

IN ONE WEEK'S WORK

Future Developments Will  
Double the Amount.

Wichita is all right. So is the country about her, as in the great valley up and down for miles and miles. Her bank clearings for the past week only wanted \$2,368 of aggregating a half million of dollars. The increase over a year ago lacked but the tenth of a cent fraction of being sixty-three per cent. That is an increase which smacks of old-time business. But it is all business now. When the bank clearings ran higher in the boom times they represented much of real estate speculation, of buying and selling that added nothing to the commercial importance of the city. Now it's only business. The volume of the straight-out business of Wichita today is greater than at any time in her history—greater than in the cattle days, the wheat days or the boom days. There are no big railway pay rolls, no state disbursements, no mining operations represented in the figures of yesterday's published bank clearings report for Wichita. The figures and the increase represents our straight-out commercial life, as shown by the actual transactions with the banks. It is but that portion of it cleared up and settled by the exchange of drafts, checks and the like. No city in the state does make or can make such a showing of its own purely commercial business. As a commercial center Wichita has no rival in the state. But there is not a business man in the town who does not know that the weekly bank clearings might just as well be a million or a million and a half as a half million dollars. The livestock and packing business ought to be double what it is. The grain trade five times what it is, when other things would be favorably affected in proportion. Our wholesale lines are steadily reaching out farther and farther, our retail interests spreading wider and wider, but Wichita as a center of livestock and grain interests is not what she ought to be. It was expected by our merchants that the holidays would be followed by an unusually dull season, principally because of the fact, we suppose, that the fall and holiday trades had proved extraordinary. Contrary to such expectations the winter trade has been most satisfactory. There did not occur the expected diminution. The usual after-holiday slump was not nearly so pronounced as in the past. Upon the other hand the indications are all promising for an unusual good trade and a live business the coming year. In the meantime the elevator enterprise should be revived and materialized. The wheat-taker plant should be put into an full work as that carried on by the Dold house. The Oliver-Imboden mill, which have been silent since the erection of the new Imboden mill, should be sold and set to grinding. In addition to this our merchants should keep the people of the towns of the field from which they draw trade advised of the superior stocks of goods carried in this city, and of the special bargains which they from time to time are respectively offering. Wichita having remained all her lost ground, and in some directions acquired more than she ever had, is ready to move forward and upward and the close of 1898 should find her a long stride in advance of where she was at the opening of the year—and herself in position to demand and enforce concessions along her line of traffic interests to which she is entitled on a basis of her superior tonnage.

## CITY IN BRIEF

G. W. Storde of East Oak street is very ill.  
J. M. Harper of Conway Springs spent yesterday in Wichita.  
Mr. Ed Moore of the Hutchinson News was in the city yesterday.  
L. A. Swartzell of Caldwell was a business visitor here yesterday.  
C. B. Hart of Hutchinson was registered at the Carey yesterday.  
J. M. Crossfield of Kingman was registered at the Manhattan yesterday.  
Mrs. W. H. Temple is in El Dorado visiting with relatives for a few days.  
Ed L. Campbell will resume his old position with the West Side drug store.  
Andy Richards and Jim Lawrence were in the city yesterday from Wellington.  
L. M. Cox came up from Oklahoma last evening to spend Sunday with his family.

## The People Believe

What They Read About Hood's  
SarsaparillaTheir Faith in This Medicine is  
Grounded on MeritThey Know It Absolutely Cures  
When Other Medicines Fail

Hood's Sarsaparilla is not merely a simple preparation of Sarsaparilla, Dock, Scilla and a little Iodine of Potassium. Besides these excellent ingredients, it also contains those great anti-bilious and liver remedies, Mandrake and Dandelion. It also contains those great kidney remedies, Uva Ursi, Juniper Berries, and Pipsissewa.

Nor are these all. Other very valuable curative agents are harmoniously combined in Hood's Sarsaparilla, and it is carefully prepared under the personal supervision of a regularly educated pharmacist.

Knowing these facts, is the abiding faith the people have in Hood's Sarsaparilla a matter of surprise? You can see why Hood's Sarsaparilla cures, when other medicines totally, absolutely fail.

"My little girl was afflicted with eczema and suffered for seven years. She was attended by physicians and tried many different kinds of medicine without relief. After taking a few bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla she was cured." Mrs. Emma Franklin, Honeyey, New York.

**Hood's Sarsaparilla**

Is the Best—In fact the One True Blood Purifier.

It cures all skin diseases, itching, eruptions, etc.

Hood's Pills—cure liver, bile, and bowels.

Hood's Pills—cure liver, bile, and bowels.

Hood's Pills—cure liver, bile, and bowels.

## "77"

FOR

## GRIP

Old Firemen Say!!

that the first fifteen minutes of a fire often decides the fate of a building. It is the same with Grip and Colds, if you have "seventy-seven" handy to take at the first sneeze or shiver, the disease is cut short. Whereas delay may mean Pneumonia.

Always have "77" handy for Coughs, Colds and La Grippe.

A 25c. vial leads to a \$1 flask. At drugists or sent on receipt of price. Ask for Dr. Humphreys' Specific. Mailed free. Humphreys' Medicine Co., New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Van Zandt are entertaining Miss Mary Taggart of Chicago.

Mrs. R. L. Tuttle has returned home from a four weeks visit with friends in Ottawa.

Misses Jo and Lulu Dayer of Morrisville, Ill., are visiting their aunt, Mrs. S. D. Shaw.

Will Ayers will leave tomorrow morning for Garden City to attend to some legal business.

Rev. Tregeas of 438 North Emporia avenue is improving rapidly from a three-weeks illness.

W. C. Peck of Carthage, Mo., was a visitor in the city yesterday, a guest of the Occidental.

Miss Lulu Leonard is entertaining for a few days her friend, Miss Nellie Powell of Ottawa, Kan.

Mr. Ted Haslett has been put on the detective force in the place recently resigned by Harry Sutton.

Wilsey Goswell of Chicago, an old time friend and schoolmate of Israel Bros., was in the city this week.

Mr. Murdoch, advance agent for the Isaac Payton Opera company, is in the city in the interest of his company.

Miss Sadie Damon of 827 North Lawrence avenue, is entertaining for a few days Miss Ella Moors of Newton.

Mr. L. E. Griffith of Omaha, Neb., of the firm of Griffith & Hall, wholesale jeweler, is visiting Rev. Bruce Griffith.

Lawson Bros. shipped a car of twenty horses in charge of Ed Lawson yesterday morning to Breckenham, Texas.

Mr. L. Gross of the Golden Eagle will leave today for the New York market to buy a mammoth stock of spring goods.

Miss Agnes Brown, who has been attending school here, has left for her home in Newton, having completed her course here.

Taylor Riddle, chairman of the Populist state central committee, was in the city yesterday for a short time conferring with some of the local Pops.

Norman Cable of West Branch will leave tomorrow to visit friends in Ohio, after a two weeks' visit in Wichita, the guest of G. P. Phillips and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Merton Stewart and son Earl, of El Dorado, are the guests of Mrs. Stewart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bailey of 747 South Water street for a few days.

Messrs. C. H. Christner and J. Ten Cate of Perry, O. T., are in the city purchasing three cars of Sedgewick county horses to be sold in the vicinity of Perry.

About seventy-five persons will take part in the Children's Home entertainment Wednesday night, but no one asks compensation. All the proceeds go to the Home.

Ponca City Courier: W. E. Stanley of Wichita is a candidate for governor of Kansas. The state does not possess a more able, active or truer man than Mr. Stanley.

Mrs. B. L. Eaton and Miss Garabaldi of the Carey will leave this afternoon for an extended visit and tour of the various winter resorts in Florida. They expect to be gone several weeks.

Mr. Robert Sweet is in the city from Chicago visiting with relatives here. Mr. Sweet was for a long time bookkeeper in Thos. Shaw's. He is now on his way to Klondike where he has had an exceptional offer made him.

Douglas Tribune: W. E. Stanley of Wichita has formally announced his candidacy for governor of Kansas, and will make an aggressive campaign for the nomination. Stanley is one of the best and ablest men in the state.

Miss Mary Anna Taggart of the Chicago deaconess training school, is in the city, a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Van Zandt. Miss Taggart will speak on the deaconess' work at the First Methodist church this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Blackwell Report: A representative of the Golden Eagle clothing store of Wichita was in the city Monday and leased the store room in the Blackwell block now occupied by Masters & Co., and will put in a large stock of clothing, furnishing goods and men's shoes, March 1.

Ten new members were added to the Relief Corps in January, making a membership of about eighty. The corps is trying to reach the banner mark and each member has pledged herself to bring at least one new member. Any one wishing to join this society can fill their time each fortnight in no better or more profitable way than to join and attend the meetings.

For the Eagle.

## THE CONTRAST.

(By Rev. John F. Von Herrlich.)  
The one was all painted and frizzled. She was back with her parents to stay. A study in high-colored painting. Over clay not sufficiently dry. She had all that money could give her. Gloves, dresses and hats all galore. She had all that her little soul craved for. And she thought there could be nothing more.

The other was fresh as a dew-drop. And her bloom was the bloom of the rose. As fair as young fawn's golden goddess from her head to the tips of her toes. Yet she did not have all she might wish for.

Or those things to be found in the store. But she had in her soul something greater. For she knew that her life was far more.

She first thought that life's greatest blessing were parties, hats, dresses and tea. And her soul soon shrunk down to the size of.

Her poor little thoughts and ideas. Then she met one who married the money which he hoped would soon drift in his way.

But it didn't—now, sad and bitter. She is back with her parents to stay.

The second, sweet, quiet and Christ-like. She had goodness both near and afar. And soon lit the social horizon.

It's bright and particular star. And so, let us each learn the lesson. Though presence may hold its brief sway.

It is only true merit and goodness. That is destined to live and to stay.

## CATCH FOUR THIEVES

Had Stolen Seventy Chickens  
and Two Turkeys.

WERE OUT ALL NIGHT

They are all Home Talent  
Robbers.

Detectives Cairns and Carroll yesterday afternoon made another quick and clever catch of four thieves who have been making Wichita their headquarters and doing their operations in the adjoining country. The four men captured were Al Calvert, Chas. Van Valkenburg, Tom Diffenderfer and Harvey Anderson. None of them have ever done any big work, confining themselves to petty larceny thievery.

On Friday night Calvert and Diffenderfer stole a wagon from Charley Davis on Water street which they found in the alley. They had their own horse. They started about 9 o'clock in the evening and returned about 8 o'clock yesterday morning after spending the whole night in robbing farmers' hen roosts and stables.

They returned with seventy-one chickens, two turkeys and a set of harness. The hens weighed 25 pounds and the two turkeys 27 pounds. They disposed of them to the Coulter Poultry company, on North Wichita street. They were given a check on the Commercial bank for \$12.25. This they got cashed and divided among the four.

Although they have been dividing the results of their midnight adventures equally among each other, they are in reality two different parties. It has been the custom for them to go in pairs. Calvert and Diffenderfer forming one and Van Valkenburg and Anderson the other.

When Calvert was caught he told on the others, thinking he would be allowed to go unpunished if he would leave town. He said that he did not know from whom he stole the poultry as they would stop at any farm house where they thought they could make a haul. They would have returned earlier yesterday morning but they met with an accident. The stolen wagon broke and they had considerable trouble in getting back to town.

All of them are a bad outfit. Calvert was released from the county jail early in the fall, where he had been serving a ten months sentence for burglarizing a house with his father-in-law. Old man Van Valkenburg, Calvert's father-in-law, is now serving a term in the penitentiary for the same crime that Calvert served his sentence in the county jail. Calvert lives at 217 North Water street, where he was caught yesterday. At first he denied all knowledge of the affair but later told all about it and gave away his pals besides. Tom Diffenderfer, alias "Big Tom," has for the past few months been rooming at 254 North Main street. He has been in jail innumerable times. He is usually locked up on the charge of drunkenness and wife beating. Last Thanksgiving he caused his wife to write to Chief Campbell, as he threatened to kill her. The letter was a gem, and was at the time published in the Eagle. Mrs. Diffenderfer resides on South Fourth avenue. Charley Van Valkenburg is a brother-in-law to Calvert and a son of the man doing a term in the penitentiary. He has no record but has always been watched by the police as he was always associating with those who were known to be petty thieves.

Anderson and Van Valkenburg both reside on College Hill. Anderson has no previous record with the police. All of them will be turned over to the state.

Real Estate Transfers.

(Furnished by the Wichita Abstract and Land Company, H. M. DuBois, abstractor.)

Albert Lechhardt to R. E. and W. D. Miller, wd., ne qr sec 24-25-26, \$1000

John Exton to John W. Fox, wd., lots 25 and 26 to 32 Fifth avenue, English's add., \$200

George R. Kelly to John Wilcox, wd., lots 25 and 26 to 32 Fifth avenue, English's add., \$200

Minot O. Simmons, ex'r, et al. to Nellie M. Fox, qcd., lots 23 and 25 Hydraulic avenue, Burr's Second add., \$200

Sophonia Clark to T. J. Oswalt, wd., Walters reserve, Rich's add., \$200

John G. Stoffe to Mary F. Clark, qcd., lots 2, 4 and 5 Rochester ave Sherwood's sub., \$500

John G. Stoffe to Mary F. Clark, qcd., lots 2, 4 and 5 Rochester ave Sherwood's sub., \$500

John G. Stoffe to Mary F. Clark, qcd., lots 2, 4 and 5 Rochester ave Sherwood's sub., \$500

John G. Stoffe to Mary F. Clark, qcd., lots 2, 4 and 5 Rochester ave Sherwood's sub., \$500

John G. Stoffe to Mary F. Clark, qcd., lots 2, 4 and 5 Rochester ave Sherwood's sub., \$500

John G. Stoffe to Mary F. Clark, qcd., lots 2, 4 and 5 Rochester ave Sherwood's sub., \$500

John G. Stoffe to Mary F. Clark, qcd., lots 2, 4 and 5 Rochester ave Sherwood's sub., \$500

John G. Stoffe to Mary F. Clark, qcd., lots 2, 4 and 5 Rochester ave Sherwood's sub., \$500

John G. Stoffe to Mary F. Clark, qcd., lots 2, 4 and 5 Rochester ave Sherwood's sub., \$500

John G. Stoffe to Mary F. Clark, qcd., lots 2, 4 and 5 Rochester ave Sherwood's sub., \$500

John G. Stoffe to Mary F. Clark, qcd., lots 2, 4 and 5 Rochester ave Sherwood's sub., \$500

John G. Stoffe to Mary F. Clark, qcd., lots 2, 4 and 5 Rochester ave Sherwood's sub., \$500

John G. Stoffe to Mary F. Clark, qcd., lots 2, 4 and 5 Rochester ave Sherwood's sub., \$500

John G. Stoffe to Mary F. Clark, qcd., lots 2, 4 and 5 Rochester ave Sherwood's sub., \$500

John G. Stoffe to Mary F. Clark, qcd., lots 2, 4 and 5 Rochester ave Sherwood's sub., \$500

John G. Stoffe to Mary F. Clark, qcd., lots 2, 4 and 5 Rochester ave Sherwood's sub., \$500

John G. Stoffe to Mary F. Clark, qcd., lots 2, 4 and 5 Rochester ave Sherwood's sub., \$500

John G. Stoffe to Mary F. Clark, qcd., lots 2, 4 and 5 Rochester ave Sherwood's sub., \$500

John G. Stoffe to Mary F. Clark, qcd., lots 2, 4 and 5 Rochester ave Sherwood's sub., \$500

John G. Stoffe to Mary F. Clark, qcd., lots 2, 4 and 5 Rochester ave Sherwood's sub., \$500

John G. Stoffe to Mary F. Clark, qcd., lots 2, 4 and 5 Rochester ave Sherwood's sub., \$500

John G. Stoffe to Mary F. Clark, qcd., lots 2, 4 and 5 Rochester ave Sherwood's sub., \$500

John G. Stoffe to Mary F. Clark, qcd., lots 2, 4 and 5 Rochester ave Sherwood's sub., \$500

John G. Stoffe to Mary F. Clark, qcd., lots 2, 4 and 5 Rochester ave Sherwood's sub., \$500

John G. Stoffe to Mary F. Clark, qcd., lots 2, 4 and 5 Rochester ave Sherwood's sub., \$500

John G. Stoffe to Mary F. Clark, qcd., lots 2, 4 and 5 Rochester ave Sherwood's sub., \$500

John G. Stoffe to Mary F. Clark, qcd., lots 2, 4 and 5 Rochester ave Sherwood's sub., \$500

John G. Stoffe to Mary F. Clark, qcd., lots 2, 4 and 5 Rochester ave Sherwood's sub., \$500

John G. Stoffe to Mary F. Clark, qcd., lots 2, 4 and 5 Rochester ave Sherwood's sub., \$500

John G. Stoffe to Mary F. Clark, qcd., lots 2, 4 and 5 Rochester ave Sherwood's sub., \$500

John G. Stoffe to Mary F. Clark, qcd., lots 2, 4 and 5 Rochester ave Sherwood's sub., \$500

John G. Stoffe to Mary F. Clark, qcd., lots 2, 4 and 5 Rochester ave Sherwood's sub., \$500

John G. Stoffe to Mary F. Clark, qcd., lots 2, 4 and 5 Rochester ave Sherwood's sub., \$500

John G. Stoffe to Mary F. Clark, qcd., lots 2, 4 and 5 Rochester ave Sherwood's sub., \$500

John G. Stoffe to Mary F. Clark, qcd., lots 2, 4 and 5 Rochester ave Sherwood's sub., \$500

AT  
Cash Henderson's

130-132 N. Main. After March 1, 119-121 N. Main.

The prices we quoted brought an avalanche of business Saturday. Many hours during the day we were unable to cope with the trade and the public understands that such prices as we name are given for a reason. Ours in this instance is we will move into the Great Finlay Ross Building after March 1st.

The great price cutting continues. It invades every department. It begins at the front window where 36-inch Roman Stripes are displayed at 5c a yard, worth 12c always; you'll need them for waists, comfort making, etc. Other mentions are thick. Here's a score of them.

25 pieces all wool and Silk and Wool Novelties at 28c.

Another lot of all Wool Novelties at 25c.

Another lot of Novelties of Silk and Wool in Mixtures and Checks at 50c, worth 85c.

46-inch Covert Mixtures in stripes 50c, worth 85c. Checks and Mixtures as low as 7 3-4c, worth 25c.

5,000 yards of Outings at 4c.

Genuine Lonsdale Muslin at 5c.

Get your Bunting now, 2c per yard.

Stevens all Linen Woven Crash 5c.

66-inch pure Linen Damask, 29c.

50c Turkey Red Table Damask 34c.

500 Embroidered Xmas Handkerchiefs for ladies, reduced from 15c to 5c each.

Silk Boas, all the rage for Spring wearing, now cut to 45c.

Brocaded Silk Skirts worth \$5, reduced to \$3.95.

White Angora Muffs for children worth \$1, tomorrow only 25c.

Japanese Red Curtains extra quality \$2.

All Mattings cut in price; 50c qualities 35c, 35c qualities 20c, 20c quality 12 1-2c.

Tapestry Goods, fine quality 50 inches wide now 37c.

Crosley Velour Rugs in fancy patterns 27x54 inches worth \$2.25, Monday only \$1.

All wool Tapestry Carpets reduced to 37c.

All wool Carpets as low as 35c.

Rattan Door Mats 14x22 inches, Removal Sale price 30c.

If You Intend  
Buying a  
Bicycle

Let us call your attention to our lines

Crescents, \$20, \$25, \$30, \$35, \$50

Crescent Tandems and Chainless, \$75

Monarchs, \$40, \$50, \$60

Clevelands, \$50, \$65, \$75

Crowns, \$35 and \$40

You know the quality of all the above Wheels. They are Standard Makes of well known reputation and the makers' Name is on the name plate. We certainly ought to suit all buyers.

Edward Vail & Co., Jewelers

You Want Money

For your TURKEYS, DUCKS, HENS, SPRINGS and EGGS, and while prices are up is the time to market them.

We Want Poultry

And will pay top prices for all delivered to us this week. Ship, bring or send yours to

Kansas Produce Co., 138-144 N. Fourth.

The California Limited

Santa Fe Route

The Perfect Train

The Direct Route

The Shortest Time

Fifty-two hours from Wichita.

Apply to any Agent for detailed information.

W. J. BLAIR, G. P. A. C. A. ROBERTS, G. P. A.

The secret of making Good Bread is in using good Flour. Use

Hunter's Cream,

The Best Flour, and you'll get the Best Bread.

Newton Kansas: It is said that Seligwick county factions are united for W. E. Stanley for governor. Stanley is a good man and has the recommendation of coming from the Big Seventh, who should have a governor or something at Topeka once in a while.

A musical literary entertainment will be given at the Perkins Presbyterian church, corner Eighteenth and Market streets, on Monday evening, February 7, by Mrs. Mariager. The most noted musicians in town will take part. A most desirable time is promised to everybody who attends.

Kansas Steam Laundry,

GEO. W. CORNELL.

Phone 136, South Lawrence avenue.

Phone 136, South Lawrence avenue.

## S. E. NOYES &amp; CO.

127 TO 129 DOUGLAS AVENUE, CORNER MARKET.

## LACE CURTAINS

## AT BARGAIN PRICES

A consignment of Lace Curtains just opened.

These Curtains were purchased by our agent in New York, at very much below value, and we will sell them in the same way in order to make quick sale of them.

## S. E. NOYES &amp; CO.

RELIABLE GOODS AND LOW PRICES.

We want to sell Furniture and Carpets to every one of you who need any. Our closing out sale has set tongues a-going all over the city. It has turned by far the biggest trade to